

The **Parks and Recreation Board** met Monday, June 18, 2012, 4:30 pm, in the Council Chambers. Present at said meeting were Patrick Flannelly, Aimee Jacobsen, Karen Springer, John MacDonald and Attorney Andy Gutwein. Joe Payne, Pennie Ainsworth, Chris Foley, Dan Dunten and Cheryl Kolb represented the department. Present from the City was Council President Ann Hunt. Absent from the meeting was Park Board member Richard Shockley, Council members Gerald Thomas, Gerry Keen and department staff members, Lee Booth and Brenda Lorenz.

Patrick convened the Board at 4:34pm.

The first item of the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the May 21, 2012 meeting. Karen motioned to approve the minutes. John seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Superintendent – Joe reported on the following:

- Noted the Council Report was included in the mailing
- We continue to have a lot of construction in Happy Hollow Park, including the motor and pedestrian area near the restroom building. The construction will mostly be finished this week, but we will continue to have some follow-up work.

Assistant Superintendent – Pennie reported on the following:

- Noted she attended an ADA Symposium in Indianapolis May 30-Jun 1. There were several good sessions dealing with recreation and parks. Approximately 400 participants from all over, including Hawaii, attended the symposium. There were many good contacts received, along with resource information.
- Softball is continuing with very few rainouts.
- Work continues with Mike Francis of the Fire Department. We now have to obtain a stage permit from the State for Global Fest. There now have to be barricades between the spectators and the stage, the highest light stand, or PA system. There also has to be an eight-foot distance between the stage and the barricades. There will need to be contact with Purdue Hall of Music to get the wind loads for the stage that we rent from them. We will also have to come up with an Emergency Preparedness Plan.
- We will be having the Paula R. Woods Park dedication on July 16 at 11:00am. Paula's family will attend, and all Park Board members are invited.

Parks – Dan reported in Lee's absence on the following:

- Trail and Playground Inspections presented.
- Repairs on seasonal equipment and vehicles
- Two railings repaired in and around the rink area
- Issues have been resolved (bad photocell) with the new trail lighting along the north section of the Wabash Heritage Trail.
- Footers for bollards have been installed in various areas of Phase 2-Wabash Heritage Trail, in anticipation of tomorrow's paving
- Helped with the construction of the new round-a-bout in Happy Hollow Park
- Cleaned and prepared Tapawingo Park for last weekend's Taste of Tippecanoe
- We took delivery of two, new, maintenance vehicles – trading in four.
- Interview tomorrow to fill the last full-time maintenance position

Recreation Report – Chris reported on the following:

- Four summer sports camps were completed. The Varsity coaches at the West Lafayette School Corporation facilities offer the summer sport camps.
 - 80 girls participated in basketball camp offered by Coach Jane Schott. (2011=57)
 - 109 boys registered for Coach Dave Wood's basketball camp. (2011=91)
Both weeklong basketball camps were June 4-8.
 - 74 girls & boys registered for Coach Aaron Blessing's soccer camps. (2011=74)
 - 50 girls enrolled in Coach Chad Marshall's volleyball camp.) 2011=33)

Thanks to W.L. Athletic Director, Brock Touloukian, for working with the coaches to get the camps scheduled around the gym maintenance.

- The tennis program is underway. Enrollments at this time are a little lower than last year. This may be due to other tennis programs offered in West Lafayette, including Purdue. Tennis lessons are offered at both the West Lafayette varsity courts at Cumberland School and the Happy Hollow courts.
- The municipal pool opened on May 25 for the season. Opening day is the Annual Splash Bash with a special \$1.00 admission. The weather was great with 91 degrees and 152 swimmers participating in the first day event. Last year it was cold with only 10 determined swimmers.
- The swim lesson program began on June 4. Four, two-week sessions are offered at the municipal pool. Today was a wet start for the second session of swim lessons.
- Diving lessons are also offered at the municipal pool. The diving program also offers four, two-week sessions.
- The school corporation closed the parking lot by the pool on Thursday, June 14, for crack sealing. The lot closed at noon, after swim lessons and tennis lessons were completed. The lot remained closed for the rest of the day during public swim.
- The two playground programs, the one at Cumberland School and the one at the Burtfield gym, have filled for both sessions. Both have waiting lists. The school maintenance staff has been very helpful allowing the program in the school facilities.

Morton Center – N/A

Stewardship Manager – Dan reported on the following:

- We hired Nick Rawles as our crew leader to work with me in the landscape area and he is doing a great job. We also have three Purdue students working as seasonal employees this summer. In addition to caring for the landscape beds, a lot of their time lately has involved watering over 250 trees and shrubs that have been planted through our department over the past eight months.
- We received a grant from the Wabash River Enhancement Corporation to help with some of the erosion control issues at Happy Hollow Park. We have planted over 100 trees and shrubs along the bank of the stream. Near the entrance to the park, we also moved some of the larger stone in the streambed to the toe (base) of the bank where there is currently a lot of erosion. This will help stabilize the bank when (if) we have water flowing in the stream.
- Street Tree Trimming – just finished our 6th Friday of trimming street trees for the spring. With the help of many volunteers, we limbed up over 700 city trees that are growing between the sidewalk and the street. We will resume trimming in the fall.

Old Business**Purdue Communications Class Presentation**

Dan introduced Jennifer Bay, the professor from Purdue, with whom he has been working with her communications class on the implementation of the Celery Bog webcam. Ms. Bay provided a synopsis of her class' project and called on each student in attendance to provide some background. Discussion followed.

Wabash Heritage Trail Signage

Joe added a follow-up for the Wabash Heritage Trail sign development project. With the help of our IT Director, Anthony, a QR Code for the Trails Map has been developed and tested, and will go on the signs. We are also likely going to develop one for the ADA information, which will be provided as part of the signing. If you have other ideas, please pass those along for review.

New Business**YWCA Proposal**

Diane Jeffries, representing the YWCA Greater Lafayette, introduced herself and stated her reason for attending the meeting. Joe provided a summary of the proposal, which is for use of the Lilly Nature Center classroom, using normal equipment in the classroom, on 06/28/12, 7:00-8:30pm, with no charge for attendance. It is for the YWCA Reflections Self-Esteem Support Group. Diane provided background on the group and its purpose. Discussion followed. John motioned to approve the request as presented. Karen seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Wahl Architecture Studio

Pennie requested permission to enter into agreement with Wahl Architecture Studio to do the construction documents service for the proposed ADA compliance work for the pool, not to exceed \$6,400.00, payable from the Nonreverting Capital Pool account. Pennie noted the Park Board attorney has reviewed the contract. Discussion followed. Aimee motioned to approve the contract as presented. Karen seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Lights at Cumberland Park

Joe presented a request received from Brent Jenks, Purdue University, requesting the lights near the basketball court be left on all night or at least until 2:00am, noting he and his friends using the courts work many different hours, so they are only able to use them at night. He states in his email there are many times they are there playing, along with others, at 11:30pm, when the lights shut off, at a time when they would like to continue playing. Joe recommended we try it on a trial basis and see if there are any complaints received. Discussion followed. Aimee motioned to approve leaving the lights on until 2:00am on a trial basis, to be revisited next month, noting if there is any problem, we return to the 11:30pm schedule. John seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

West Lafayette School Board – Karen reported the following:

- West Lafayette High School will be one of 25 Indiana high schools recognized by the IN Department of Education on June 28 for high AP student achievement. WL is the second highest in the state with 52% of our 2011 graduates passing at least one AP exam during high school. This is our second year for this recognition.
- Work continues on the WLCSC website update with a target completion date of August 1, 2012.
- Karen extended an invitation for the WL Music Boosters Ice Cream Social/Student Concerts next Tuesday, June 26, 6-9pm.

Wabash River

Andy reported they have not met since the last Park Board meeting.

Other

Pat noted a thank you card was received from the 4th grade class of Mrs. Brame.

Aimee reminded everyone of when she first came on the Park Board, she had mentioned some interest in Pickle Ball. She noted that she has heard that recently the Lafayette Parks & Recreation department has painted lines for Pickle Ball at McCaw Park.

Pay Claims

Aimee motioned for claims to be paid. Karen seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Adjourn

Amy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Karen seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.

Presiding Officer

Secretary